Tubewells in Bihar

6906. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assistance sanctioned by the World bank for the construction of tubewells in Bihar and the amount released for this purpose so far;

(b) the number of tubewells installed in Bihar with such assistance during the last three years; and

(c) the number of tubewells proposed to be installed in the State with the said assistance during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) For the Bihar Public Tubewells project, the World Bank has extended the assistance to the extent of US $ 68 million. Out of this, an amount of US $ 13.236 million has been utilised uptill August 31, 1991.

(b) Uptil March, 1991, 240 new tubewells have been drilled and developed. Of these, 4 have been energised. In addition, 33 tube-wells have been modernised and 351 tubewells rehabilitated.

(c) During 1991-92, it is proposed to drill and develop 3 more new tubewells and energise 104 tubewells. Further it is proposed to modernise 267 tubewells and rehabilitate 949 tubewells.

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Instructions to Indian Embassies and High Commissions in Regard to new Economic and Industrial Policies

6907. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had given any instruction to Indian Embassies and High Commissions in regard to the new economic and industrial policies for achieving desired results particularly to augment the export potential; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of External Affairs has been providing detailed and up-to-date information to its Missions abroad on our new economic policies. Instructions have also been issued to Heads of Missions in all countries on the steps to be taken to ensure the maximum possible returns from the new policies. The importance of using diplomacy to subserve our economic interest is being stressed. High level visits, both of government and trade and industry, are being planned with this aim in mind. Where necessary, Missions are being strengthened and better equipped to handle the new economic responsibilities. A programme for an orientation course for commercial representatives from select Missions is also under preparation. An audio-visual programme which would assist in providing the widest possible dissemination to our new policies is being put together. Seminars and workshops in target countries, which would help explain our new policies and publicise our economic potential are also being processed as part of this basic approach. In addition to efforts to enhance investment and technology flows Missions have been specifically instructed to work towards maximising our exports.

National Bank for Fisheries

6908. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: